



## Board Games at Baxter

Join the Board Game Renaissance!

Mark Your Calendars! Thursday, January 23rd will be the first **Community Board Gaming** get-together at Baxter! Join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday 4-7pm for an afternoon of cooperation and competition, of intrigue, betrayals and shrewd tactics. Bring your own game, or learn a new one from our game instructor, Ron! Board games are entering a golden age. These days, it's more than just *Sorry* and *Monopoly*. Come see for yourself! Open to adults and teens age 15 and up.

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## Annual Giving Campaign

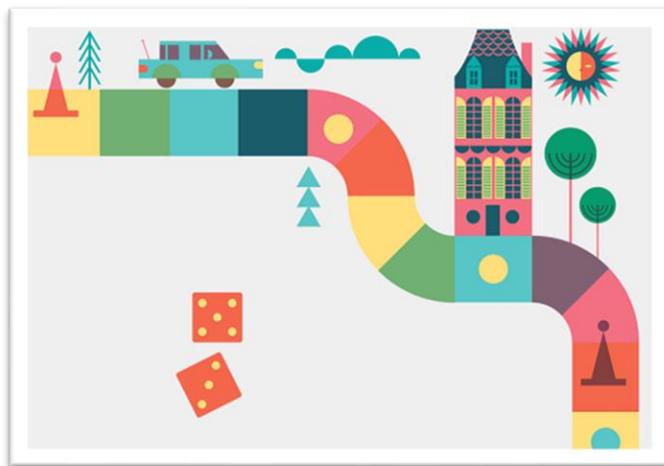
We're Closing In On Our Goal!

A hearty **THANK YOU** to all who have donated during the annual giving campaign! We're so very grateful. There's only \$130 left to reach our goal!

If you haven't already, please consider supporting Baxter Memorial Library with a donation to our Annual Giving Campaign. Why support your library? Libraries nourish our intellect, our creativity, and our curiosity. They open our minds. They build communities and support families. They preserve the past and help us shape our own futures. Libraries value the individual. By making access to information resources and technology available to all, regardless of income, class, reading ability or background, a public library levels the playing field and helps close the gap between the rich and the poor.

Gifts to the library are tax deductible. Your contributions will allow us to expand our collection of books and DVDs, host additional programs for adults and children, and upgrade our aging computers.

**If you've already given to Baxter through our annual giving campaign, please know how deeply grateful we are.** We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you haven't, please consider donating to Baxter. You can send us a check, or you can come in and see all the good that your donation is doing for the community.



## What's Your Passion?

Why Not Share It with the Community?

Baxter Memorial Library is always looking for community members to present workshops and presentations on what matters most to them. Are you passionate about saving seeds? Photography? Beekeeping? Managing on a limited budget? Getting ready for retirement? What about exercising or healthy eating? Or helping young adults prepare for the "real world"? The opportunities are endless. If you have an idea, we'd love to hear it! Just email Shana at [sharonbaxterlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbaxterlibrary@gmail.com) or pop in and have a chat!

## The Baxter Café

### Start Your Wednesdays Right!

Come join us Wednesday mornings from 9-11 for the weekly Baxter Café! Stop by and grab a homemade treat and some coffee or tea, then read the paper, chat with friends and neighbors, and check out the newest arrivals - all for free (donations gratefully accepted)!

## New Short Story Club

### No Novels. No Meetings. Just Great Short Stories.

No time for a book club? We've got you covered. Come try Baxter's new **Short Story Club!** No novels. No meetings. Just great short stories. January's story is Wells Tower's "Leopard." You can pick up a copy of the story at the library, check out what others thought of it in the SSC binder and add your own reflections. "Leopard" is a unique story. Written in the second person, *you* are an eleven-year-old boy ditching school and having to deal with a less-than-sympathetic stepfather.

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*Short stories are tiny windows into other worlds and other minds and other dreams.*

*They are journeys you can make to the far side of the universe and still be back in time for dinner.*

*~ Neil Gaiman*

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## Cookie News

### The Sweetest Fundraiser Around!

The 2019 annual Cookie Walk held at the library in December was a great success! So many people generously volunteered to bake scrumptious cookies, and even more stopped by the library to take some home. A big **thank you** to everyone who donated their time and money to support Baxter Memorial Library this holiday season!

## Day Trips

### Where Will the Day Take You?

Did you know Baxter Memorial has free and discounted passes to local attractions?

**Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS):** Quechee, VT

**ECHO science and nature museum:** Burlington, VT

**Billings Farm and Museum:** Woodstock, VT

**Birds of Vermont Museum:** Huntington, VT (open May 1 - October 31)

We also have passes good for free entry into any **Vermont State Historic Site** and into any **Vermont State Park Day Use Area**.

Come in and check out a pass today!

## Oh, the Possibilities!

### The Greatest Gift You Can Give Is Your SELF!

Volunteers are **greatly** appreciated at Baxter! Here are a few things you can do to support your library:

- Be a Saturday circulation desk volunteer
- Help with the library's website
- Tend the garden beds
- Bake for fundraising events
- Supply a sweet treat for the café
- Help with spring and fall cleaning
- Design flyers
- Post flyers around the community
- Assist with the annual book and plant sale
- Adopt a shelf (or two)
- Present a program or workshop

